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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as

follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 11, change "toragse" to --storage--.

Page 3, line 21, change "an" to --a--;

line 22, delete "there causes";

line 23, after "nodes", insert -- are caused--;

line 24, change "an ununiform" to --a uniform--.

Page 4, line 12, change "use" to --was--.

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is necessary to incorporate the preliminary amendments as filed in parent application Serial No. 09/086,752. Entry of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Approval of the changes made to Figures 6 and 7, as shown in red ink on the attached photocopy, is courteously solicited.

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FIGURE 6

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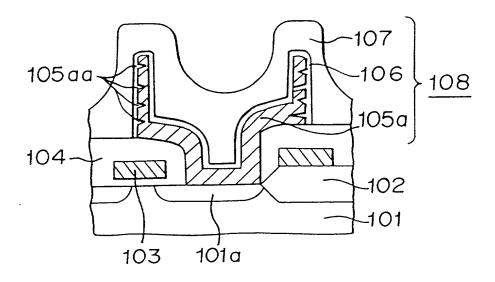


FIGURE 7

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